



## **Residential and Commercial Eviction Moratorium Statement**

Housing is a fundamental human right – a right that is far too fragile for far too many. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this fragility even more apparent. Today’s decision by the San Diego City Council to extend the residential and commercial eviction moratoriums will allow tens of thousands of families throughout San Diego to breathe a temporary sigh of relief while balancing the needs of those property owners who depend on rent for their own livelihoods.

However, these protections will eventually expire and that reality brings uncertainty. The City must work to secure financial relief for affected tenants to prevent a wave of evictions once the moratoriums have ended. Additionally, rights are most effectively realized when the public understands that they exist - education and outreach will be crucial pieces of these and all tenant protections.

I will be working closely with Mayor Gloria, my Council colleagues, the San Diego Housing Commission, and community members in the coming weeks to ensure rental relief is targeted to those most in need, that we protect lives, inform residential and commercial tenants of their rights, and that we get the funds into renters' hands as quickly as possible.

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